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Re:

Jennifer Chelf, Director of Compliance Demonstrations of Digital Surveillance Equipment

Date:

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The Indiana Gaming Commission ("Commission") staff has received a large number of inquiries about digital surveillance equipment. As you all know, the Commission is in the process of amending Title 68 of the Indiana Administrative Code to include minimum standards for digital systems. The Commission staff is also in the process of determining whether or not the manufacturers of digital surveillance systems will need to be licensed suppliers under 68 IAC 2.

In the mean time, the Commission staff recognizes that most of you are in the process of investigating digital technology in an effort to determine which companies are offering the best products. There is nothing that would prohibit you from communicating with potential vendors of digital systems. Many of you have requested permission to place demo systems borrowed from digital system providers into your surveillance rooms so that your surveillance officers may explore the benefits of the particular product. Please utilize the following guidelines when working with companies to demo digital products:

- You may install small units of borrowed digital equipment for demonstration purposes into your surveillance room as long as the use of this equipment does not interfere with your existing coverage or the time spent on active surveillance by your employees.
- If your employees or a currently licensed surveillance supplier (IEP, LTD.; Dallman Systems, Inc.; Global Surveillance Associates, Inc.; Southwest Surveillance Systems; or Esco Communications, Inc.) will be installing the equipment, no additional approval is needed.
- If an unlicensed vendor or manufacturer of digital equipment must enter the riverboat and/or your surveillance room to install the demo equipment or provide instruction as to the use of the product, you must follow the following guidelines:

- You must notify on-site Commission agents that unlicensed surveillance vendors will be on property.
- All employees of the unlicensed vendor must check in with Casino Security and receive vendor badges in accordance with 68 IAC 15-6-4 (all vendors must be at least twenty-one years old to board the riverboat (i.e. go around the turnstiles)).
- All employees of the unlicensed vendor must be escorted by Casino Security to and from the surveillance room.
- o While inside the surveillance room, the unlicensed vendor employees must be escorted at all times by the riverboat licensee's Surveillance Manager.

The above guidelines refer to user demonstrations of digital systems. Given that a determination has not been made as to licensing requirements for digital system providers and that the Commission's regulations regarding digital equipment are not yet finalized, a riverboat licensee may not purchase digital surveillance equipment for use on the property without the prior written permission of the Commission staff at this time. Please forward any inquiries of this nature to my attention.

Please keep the Commission staff updated as to your plans to convert to digital systems, as well as your efforts to select appropriate vendors of digital systems.